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SUBJECT: MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 19, 1976

1. 379TH MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC) MEETING TOOK PLACE AUGUST 19, 1976 FROM 1600 HOURS TO 1735 HOURS LOCAL TIME. NO VIOLENCE OR INCIDENTS REPORTED AND ATMOSPHERE WAS NORMAL. NO UNUSUAL DISPOSITIONS OF UN OR NORTH KOREAN/CHINESE PERSONNEL. CPV SENIOR MEMBER WAS ABSENT.

2. UNC OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED. FOLLOWED WITH DETAILED ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT KEYED TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHICH 13 WERE DISPLAYED.

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3. NORTH KOREANS (KPA) RESPONDED BY CLAIMING U.N, CHARGES WERE DISTORTIONS OF FACT, THAT THEY HAD SAID NOT TO CUT THE TREE, THAT THEY HAD WAITED PATIENTLY, THAT UN FORCES COMMITTED VIOLENT PROVOCATION, RESULTING IN INJURIES TO FIVE NORTH KOREAN PERSONNEL. DISPLAYED PHOTOS OF FIVE SOLDIERS IN BANDAGES. ALSO DISPLAYED AN AXE AND AXE HANDLES WHICH THEY CLAIMED HAD BEEN USED AS WEAPONS BY UN PERSONNEL. ALSO CLAIMED UN SIDE HAD OUTNUMBERED KPA.

4. UN SIDE RESPONDED THAT PHOTOS INDICATED CLEARLY RELATIVE NUMBERS AND WHICH SIDE WAS ARMED.

5. KPA CLAIMED THAT NUMBER OF PICTURES INDICATED INCIDENT WAS PREMEDITATED BY UN SIDE. THEN COMMENCED LONG STATEMENT ALLEGING NUMEROUS UN PROVOCATIONS, VIOLENCE, INTRODUCTION OF ILLEGAL AIRCRAFT, MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT FROM OKINAWA TO KOREA.

6. UN SIDE REPEATED WE HAD CALLED MEETING TO DISCUSS MURDER OF TWO UNC PERSONNEL, WOULD INVESTIGATE SPECIFIC CHARGES. CONCLUDED WE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

7. NORTH KOREANS SAID US SHOULD STOP COMMITTING ILLEGAL ACTS, AND STATED THEY HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

8. UNC PRESENTED SUMMARY STATEMENT,, HIGHLIGHTING BRUTALITY OF ATTACK. PROPOSED RECESS.

9. KPA REITERATED CHARGES AGAINST UN. CONCLUDED WITH (CUSTOMARY) WARNING THAT WAR COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME. AGREED TO RECESS.

10. SECURITY OFFICERS' MEETING THAT BEGAN AT 1600 LASTED ABOUT 20 MINUTES, CONSISTING OF BRIEF STATEMENTS BY BOTH SIDES.

11. PRESS WELL REPRESENTED AT MEETING, WAS GIVEN COPIES OF UN OPENING STATEMENT AND ALLOWED TO PHOTOGRAPH UNC ENLARGEMENTS USED AT MEETING.

12. MEETING FOLLOWED EXPECTED PATTERN AND NORTH KOREAN RESPONSES WERE LARGELY ROUTINE IN NATURE, APART FROM STATEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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